

# *Illusions*

A Newsletter for the TV/TS Oriented



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# The Calendar

The calendar is a service of up-coming events available for our members. If you know of any events at any bars, lounges, or other organizations, just let us know so we may publish this information for others notification. If you are having a party or special event, let us know, we'll let the membership know! All Meetings start at 7:30PM unless otherwise noted.

**October 10, 1991**

Illusions Edmonton

**Bar Crawl III "Aaah night out to a Bar"**

Location; Call 486-9661

**October 12, 1991**

Illusions Calgary

At the new Club!!

**October 26, 1991**

Calgary

**Dressing for Pleasure**

at the Club Call Barbie for ticket!!

**October 31, 1991**

Illusions Calgary

At The Club

**November 14, 1991**

Edmontons Birthday!!!

**Fashion Show!!**

Location; Call 486-9661 Door \$10.00

**November 16, 1991**

Illusions Calgary

Intertainment Night

At the Club

**November 28, 1991**

Illusions Calgary

Regular Social

At the Club

**December 12, 1991**

Illusions Edmonton

**Xmas Dinner at a Restaurant!!!**

**December 14, 1991**

Illusions Calgary

Entertainment Night

At the Club

Calgary

**No Regular Social This Month**

**January 9, 1992**

Illusions Edmonton

Regular Social

**January 11, 1992**

Illusions Calgary

Entertainment Night

At The Club

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## The Editors Page

Well here we are again!! still going But we need help!!! We can only come up with so much stuff we need your stories ,articales and Ideas.

This paper is done on an IBM 286 computer, we can take articales by modern , disk or well typed or printed articales. our computer can do files of all wordprocessors. If there is enough response to this I will start to leave a commputer BBS up one night a week for people to upload and download messages.

So if you like this Idea let me know so I can see if it'll work

*Marsha*

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## Grande opening reveiw

Written By Anne #13

### Hi everybody!

Just wanted to say how much fun I had at Barbies grand re-opening! There were a lot of familiar faces as well as a few new ones. Barbie and her crew of volunteers did a fantastic job of remodeling the place and the over abundant "PINK" theme leaves no doubt about the locations feminine orientation! And what about our little Randy!! He may be short but he is LONG on jokes! Randy did a super job of MC'ing and with his quick, sly, and sometimes cutting wit he helped to maintain continuity throughout the evening. Great job Randy we hope you will do it for us again sometime! Who loves ya, baby?

Would like to thank all the participants in the "Chanel 5 TV" band for their willingness to participate on stage in a little live music. It was very short notice but proved to be an interesting experience and was fun. We have had good response from more of the girls who are musically inclined and it now appears that we may be able to offer more live entertainment than we originally anticipated. I am hoping to get everyone who has expressed an interest in participating together in the near future to kick some ideas around. Let's not forget our typ sync'ers. I have a special admiration for those who do this and the girls did a super job that night! Keep up the good work!!! All in all it was a great night with plenty of lovely ladies wearing great outfits. As always, I am anxious to see any photo's that were taken. Hopefully we will see a few in the next issue of the newsletter and with any luck at all they will turn out better than the photo of us "Royalty Ladies" in the Aug/Sep issue. Eeeekkk! that was a terrible shot! I hope that one doesn't get into the commercial version or I might never get my hands on another willing male!!! I've gone on enough for now. Best wishes and I hope to see you all at the upcoming meetings.

*Mistress Anne*

If you think that last picture was bad check the next page!!!! *Marsha*



## Wanted!!

Our new home needs more magazines, books articales ect, ect on our TV lifestyle.

All donations to the library would be greatly appreciated

Head Librarian *Stephanie D.*

## News!!

Last Saturday September 28, the Imperial court of the Wild Rose Emperess Mandy awarded to Marsha the title of Duchess. hence forth to be known as

*"Duchess Marsha"*

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## News!!

Hooker night was a great sucess with a good turnout. Some of the outfits were quite XXX and for once I was tamilly dressed compared to some others there. the team of judges lead by Ken had a tough decision. But with careful deliberation and a lot of help from the crowd Wendy won for having the most arresting outfit. Found any good uses for your prize Wendy???

All in all the night was a great sucess for being our first regular social in the club. The place lent itself to our style very well and made the meeting just that much better.

Another thing should be mentioned Terry was disqualified for reasons that was true!!! she is a proffesional (not hooker but performer) and Sephanie W. Should be charged for littering for that boall

*Marsha*

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## Edmonton October 10, 1991

### A Bar Crawl!!

A safe night out to one or two bars in Edmonton that cater to us.

We will meet at the meeting room and leave for the bars by 9:00 PM.

The bars we are going to are safe descrete bars used by some of our members. They cater to our lifestyle and are in full support.

Door \$10.00 This includes door costs at the bars

*Marsha*

## Edmontons Birthday!!

November 14, 1991 7:30PM

Edmonton club will be celibrating with a fashion show by:

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## A comment from a concerned Member

*Hi Girls!*

Just wanted to say Hello again and if I can bend your ear for a while I would like to talk a little about an important subject that "curls up" from time to time. Joking aside, I would like to express my opinion about the negative undercurrent that we occasionally hear about pertaining to the Illusions' executive and the way the club is being operated. In order to save a little space, if you have not already read "Club Report" (Aug/Sept Issue) please do so as both Bryan and Marsha have made some very valid points which concern each and every member of Illusions and reflect directly on the very existence of the club in the future.

My opinion on these matters is as follows: Although I was beginning to meet with others, I was still very much a closet TV until Illusions was formed. I believe I was one of the very first TV's to talk with Barbie, and Bryan and a few others soon followed. I believe we probably all had very similar feelings about our first visit with Barbie, feelings of warmth, openness and gratitude for being accepted for who we are and what we like to do. I remember feeling very good about being accepted in this manner by a very attractive WOMAN who was obviously thrilled by the whole concept of FASHION TV's (Puns again!). When you stop to think about it, those of us who are fortunate enough to have spouses that tolerate, never mind participate, in our alternate lifestyle are very lucky in having someone close to us who, in one way or another, offer that reassurance that we really are quite normal. But what of those who have not yet come to terms with their desires? I believe we are very privileged to have Barbie offering not only her abilities as a seamstress, but her comforting personality as well. In a way, she is performing a type of counselling that does not come with a high price tag like the shrink that many of us have considered or have actually spent time with. So what is all this fuss about "Lingerie by Barbie" being so close to Illusions? I firmly believe had it not been for Barbie's open attitude those first few of us might possibly have never met and there would be no Illusions today. In fact, during a recent discussion, a comment was made about how much higher the membership in Edmonton might be if there was someone of Barbie's character operating a similar business. I see nothing wrong in Barbie's shop indirectly acting as a front for Illusions. And I certainly have no objection if Barbie and Bryan are profiting from being associated with Illusions, in fact I feel we should all wish them financial success be it from Illusions members or other customers. We owe a great deal of gratitude to Barbie and Bryan for all their efforts in organizing the club at the start and keeping it going in a direction that is suitable for the overall TV populace.

There have been a few toes stepped on along the way, some have taken offence and left the club, others have realized the necessity of adhering to

club policies and have remained as welcomed members. Let's face it folks, we belong to an organization that has grown tremendously in a very short time. We have made many new friends and it has cost us very little. I believe the majority of Illusions members feel that Barbie and Bryan are doing an excellent job as the Calgary executive and that the Edmonton exec is holding up their end as well.

We need to support these people to the fullest extent so that they can continue to enjoy the responsibilities they have assumed. Ask yourself, are you prepared to fill their shoes if the bickering becomes too much to bare? So, as Marsha said in her report, carefully consider what complaints you may have. Let's not be causing dissention over inconsequential matters but if you feel you have a legitimate complaint that needs investigation bring it to the attention of the executive. So far, anything I have seen that required attention has been dealt with quite fairly. Most of us are aware of a previous TV oriented club that went down the tubes due to attitude problems, let's not have that happen here. Illusions has potential for becoming bigger and better yet but we must work at it!

Bye for now,

*Mistress Arne*

## *Christmas is coming*

With the festive season just around the corner, the spirit of the season gives us a chance to give to those in need. Your generous donation of nonperishable food item or household product would be greatly appreciated by the Food Bank. Open your hearts and let's show the community that the 'Illusions Ladies' care!!

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A great idea from *Stephanie D.*





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## A letter of Thanks

### Happy New Home

Now that the drywall dust has settled and the paint has dried, it is a good chance for me to say my thank you's...

I realize that some small tokens were given out at the grand opening, but I would like to say thank you again, to "ALL" those people who were involved.

Through out the month of august while we renovated, several people spent many hours working hard. Our construction crew of Stephanie, Danielle, and of course Bree, combined their skills and efforts to build everything from a bar to a workable stage, and a comfy make-up room. Never mind just getting the entire space to a comfortable, living area.

Once our painting team of Amanda and Wendy Blew in, the place was upside down again only to surface really "Pretty in Pink". Amandas' knowledge and eagerness to test her painting skills in a warehouse was a chore and a half!!! BRAVO!!!

Karen kept us going with her wit and humor when some of us were weary and need it most. She also used her Maid talents to let new light into our new home.

There are others to, Mistress Anne dug out some old rug which looks super, Ted took an afternoon out to help shop for bar stools, Marsha brought down her fridge and help out with some electrical problems, and Terry help with some decorating touches. There were others that popped in and out with words of encouragement. So thanks again to all who put their love and time into our new home

Thanx.....

*Barbie*





# ILLUSIONS REGISTRY

## CALGARY MEMBERS

**#001 Barbie PHOTO**  
Hi! Do you need a place to totally feminize? I have started illusions for TV's - a club for "gals". I can bring you out of the closet and totally transform you into a lady. As owner and designer of Lingerie by Barbie, I can help you with getting custom lingerie & streetwear, nails and wigs. I'd love to hear from you.

**#002 Susan PHOTO**  
Looking forward to meeting all members at upcoming meetings.

**#003 Rachele**

**#004 Bree PHOTO**  
Spokesperson for Illusions Calgary and involved in the creation of both Calgary and Edmonton Illusions Social Clubs. I am considered attractive, 5'10", brown hair/eyes - some say passable. Stylish dresser-contemporary looks with a 90's mindset.

**#010 Averal**

**#011 Mike**

**#012 Vanessa PHOTO**  
S/W/M - 39 yrs. old, TV. Also member of Harwood Group. Interested in meeting like-minded TV/TS for mutual enjoyment and friendship.

**#013 Mistress Anne PHOTO**  
Dominant TV, tall & slender, 37 yrs. clean, discreet and reliable. Highly skilled in B&D, mild S&M, TV maid training. I am strict but fair and have private location. Subjects must be of a generous nature, clean & healthy and have a genuine desire to explore their

fantasies. Send \$2 for informative letter and photo.

**#014 Dawn PHOTO**  
TV 35 yrs. 5'9" 140lbs, would like to correspond, meet friendship or ? Lives in Central Alberta and attends functions in Edmonton and Calgary. Likes to go to the clubs.

**#015 Audrey**  
Active hetro senior who has been cross-dressing since childhood. Other interests include listening to good music, hiking, video production, computers, telecommunications.

**#016 Scarlet PHOTO**  
45 year old submissive TV would like to meet same for B/D encounters of the third kind. Love to be tied up and humiliated. Interests include photography and sewing. Have a fetish for feminine attire (crinolines, garters, etc.) Please reply with phone number to get immediate response.

**#017 Ray**

**#018 Ken**

**#021 Lori**  
Heterosexual T.V. - age 32, 150 lbs., 6'0" Into all things sexy. Love short skirts' PVC, Leather and Lace, spiked heeled shoes and boots Like to correspond with all. Share your fantasies. Photo a must

**#022 Joe**

**#023 Doug**

**#024 Brenda PHOTO**  
Out-going fun-lovin' TV. Wishes to meet man who enjoys the finer things of life. Tall, sophisticated silver haired lady. Satin sheets are my style. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Age not

important.

**#025 Wendy**

**#026 Mel**

**#027 Collin**

**#028 Joan**

**#029 Ken**

**#030 Pat**

**#031 Joanne PHOTO**

**#032 Victor**

**#033 Phil**

**#034 Daphne PHOTO**  
Very erotic slim attractive TV age 47 with lovely wardrobe. Wishes to meet TV, TS, ladies and males. Adore mild B/D and safe sex. Can be either D/S. I can be either your slave slut or sexy mistress.

**#036 Stephanie**

**#037 Sarah**

**#038 Dave**

**#039 Julie**

**#040 Jim**

**#041 Ursula**  
Attractive TV 34 years 5'11" 165 lbs into the total feminine experience of dressing fully in beautiful, sexy clothes including lingerie and high heels. Enjoys shopping photo sessions XIX movies correspondence. Would love to hear from TV/TS & females.

**#042 John**

**#043 Ian**

**#044 Roseanne**

**#045 J.F.**

**#046 Angela**

**#047 Cynthia**

**#048 Karen**

**#050 Dawn**

**#051 Bran**

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**#052 Barry PHOTO**  
S/W/M 35 yrs. 5'9" 160lbs. Would like to correspond possibly establish relationship with other TV's. Exchange photo's or VIDEOS. Also require tips on dressing, etc. Write soon!!!!

**#053 Carrie**

**#054 Stephanie**

**#055 Randie PHOTO**  
Bi W/M slim attractive N/S interested in TV lifestyle for fun & sex. Would like to hear from similar attractive TV's, males & females for correspondence and possible sexy get-togethers. Age not important but slim attractiveness is. Have lots of revealing lingerie photos, faster response to revealing photo w/letter.

**#056 Gerry**

**#057 Joline PHOTO**  
Bi/Married 39 year old W/TV, Full figured, tasteful dresser, sincere attitude, almost totally out of the closet, and passible daytime and nighttime. Enjoy being with and meeting all my like minded sisters for social gatherings, shopping trips, and nighttime adventures. I love to write, but will not send my pic unless I receive yours first. All correspondence answered faithfully. Open minded and looking forward to meeting the right person for a safe long relationship.

**#058 Sherry**

**#059 Inga PHOTO**

**#060 Donna**

**#061 Debbie**  
Bi/TV, 33 yrs. 5'8" 160lbs. Just out-of-closet seeking TV/TS & females for

friendship. Enjoy everything silky & feminine. Infantilism & rubber toys anytime. Let's have a pajama party and play little girl games. Can travel. Phone, photo and descriptive letter appreciated.

**#062 C.N.**

**#063 Bob**

**#064 Kyla**

**#065 Brandy**

**#066 Mona**

**#067 Dee**

**#068 Monty**

**#069 Marcia PHOTO**  
Marcia is a Saskatoon TS who has some good social connections in the town. She is always willing to expand her circle of friends to include more honest and sincere people of any persuasion. Interests include fashion, cooking, small talk or big philosophical discussions. She also has a strong ex-aviation background. For a friend in "Toon Town", drop a line.

**#070 Denise**  
35 yr old TV interested in stories correspondence and photo exchange. Love heels, hose & all types of lingerie and cross-dressing. Slim, clean & very discreet, expect the same.

**#071 Karen**

**#072 Bianna PHOTO**  
Bi TV married, HI! I would like to meet TV's, TS's and ladies who appreciate the art of dressing. I am 5'6", 135 lbs. correspondence and private gettogethers are great. I enjoy being treated as a lady. I live in the mid Sask. area and can travel. Call me. Let's be friends.

**#073 Wendy**  
Outgoing, fun 35 year old TV. Tall slim and passable. Enjoy expressing my female side. Into passing in public with other TV ,TS , Females and supporters. I'm looking for honest and sincere friends to share my feminine experience with. Totally clean shaven.

**#074 Kelly**

**#075 Ann**

**#076 George**

**#077 Jessica**

**#078 Kathy**

**#079 Tracey**  
New novice to being female. I enjoy dressing in sexy lingerie and dresses. Would like to meet TV/TS's for maybe a pajama/slumber party but I cannot hold it at my residence.

**#080 Jessica**

**#081 Karen PHOTO**

**#082 Michael**

**#083 Randy**

**#084 Leslie**  
I enjoy meeting other ladies and Fashion interests me

**#085 Gina**

**#086 Lily**

**#087 Regina**

**#088 Randy**

**#089 Monique**

**#090 Ed**

**#091 Ted**

**#092 Joyce**

**#093 Roxanne**

**#094 Bruce**

**#095 Linda**

**#096 Jo Anne**

**#097 Morna**

**#098 Brad**

**#099 Ralph**

**#100 Jacqueline**

**#101 Sandy**

**#102 Diana**

**#103 Carol**

**#104**



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#105  
#106 Bobbie  
#107  
#108  
#109 Brooke  
33 Year old TV. Interested in meeting and corresponding with other TV/TS's and Ladies. Tall slim and very discreet.  
#110 Stacey  
#111 Gabriella  
Married Metro TV Interested in communicating friendship with Tvs whose affections include footwear lingerie, hosiery, PVC leather and other erotic clothing. Also would like to establish and promote a support group for TV fetishists and spouses or friends. Contact must be sincere and discreet.

### EDMONTON MEMBERS

#200 Krytal PHOTO  
I'm an attractive TS, 24 years old, blonde and brown eyed. Seeking friendship with other TS's and friendly males.  
#201 Marsha PHOTO  
36 yr. old TV 46C-29-42 6'2" 182lbs. Regular at the Roost, Thursdays & Saturdays as well as Illusions Functions. Likes fine clothes and dressing up for going out. My most favourite material is Black leather.. Is an executive of Illusions Edmonton. Wishes to correspond with other TV/TS & possibly go out for an evening at the Club.  
#204 Dixie  
TV, mid 40's, 6'0" 195lbs. Metro non-smoking. Style of dress classic conservative. Interested in all facets of

femme-tech. Would like to correspond and meet with similar TV. Owns and operates Crossland Shoes.

#202 Nicole  
#206 Michelle PHOTO  
#207 Melissa  
#208 Terri  
#209 Kathy  
#210 Colleen  
Illusions Princess Metro TV, Mid 30's Interested in camping, fishing and the Great outdoors Love being a woman as much as possible. Wishes to correspond with all those interested in passability. Wishing to meet an understanding female. Your letter and photo gets mine!!  
#211 Jim (Jamie)  
#212 Jamie  
#213 Robert  
#214 Kim  
#215 Terri PHOTO  
Tall, slim, dizzy and a bit of a twisted sister, loves to party. Has passion for older, heavy men. I am sexually submissive and into B&D fun.  
#216 Mila  
#218 Sally PHOTO  
Bi TV 33. Looking for the right TV. Must be clean-shaven all over and passable. Prefer a dom. as I am very submissive. Love all cultures as B/D, G/S am F/A G/P love to be spanked as can be very naughty. Also would like to try a couple; could be maid and could serve to please. NO MEN please. Also have extensive collection of TV videos. Willing to trade. Send for list and maybe we can trade. Would also like to star in a TV VIDEO!  
Bye for now. EDMONTON AREA ONLY!

#219 Candice PHOTO  
Long legged blonde TS. Very outgoing! Would love to meet other TS, TV for friendship or get-togethers. All you cute guys out there who have a sweettooth... there's a tasty piece of candy her waiting to be nibbled on! See ya soon.  
#220 Michel  
#221 Kinley & Linda PHOTO  
I would like to meet other bi TV's I am 55 years young and married. My wife approves and might participate in fun and games. depending on new friends. Character and appearance as female. We drink, smoke and are easily going with respectful friends. Age is no problem or colour. We are completely shaven. Join us for fun and games (Clean shaven and female attire a must) Write us with a picture of yourself. Long term friendship offered in exchange for respect friends and dissection.:P.S. slim preferred but not a must.  
#222 Barlen  
Attractive TS from the west coast would like to meet and make friends within Edmonton and Calgary. I am musically inclined and interested in meeting others.

#223 Stella  
Female who wishes to do sewing for TV's and TS's. Phone number available in the ad located elsewhere in the magazine! Don't be afraid to phone!  
#224 Rose Ann  
Married TV would like to meet dominant strict disciplinarian

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female who needs their housework done, etc. No cooking... by HIRE ONLY! Edmonton area mainly. Also available for shopping chores and auto repair, maid duties and parties. Driving lessons, auto, shopping and some maintenance work and janitor work, etc.  
#225 Kelly  
#226 Kevin  
#227 Elmer  
#228 Matt  
#229 Staci  
Submissive bi-TV, 31, would like to meet singles, couples for good times. Interested also in meeting other TV/TS's. Love anything and everything. Feminine & passable. Into just about anything. Travels to Edmonton/Calgary on a fairly regular basis, Grande Prairie, High Level areas occasionally. Based in Red Deer, Alberta.  
#230 Francis  
Married Bi TV Late 30's. Would like to meet any like minded sister in Edmonton or Calgary. Travel to Calgary often. Looking for friendship and someone to share my intimate fantasies with. Photo and phone appreciated.  
#231 Erica Barling  
#232 Cathy  
TV 34 years old 6'1" 185 lbs. I'm still very shy novice but would like to correspond and perhaps meet people. I live in northern Alberta, but occasionally travel to Edmonton  
#233 Johanne  
#234 Blinda PHOTO  
31 year old Metro TV living in Ottawa My tastes do lean towards the exotic: satin,

lace, corsets, Maid outfits and sleazy cocktail dresses. I am all so working on getting a more casual wardrobe. Honest!! Very much enjoy going out to restaurants, Clubs and dancing. Have a special interest in bondage and non sexual B&D role playing. Can be sub or Dom. Can entertain and travel to Montreal frequently. anyways if any of you western Gals are travelling this way feel free to drop me a line. I may be kinky, But all in all I'm pretty harmless.  
#235 Derick  
#236 Chantelle  
#237 Mary Rose Starro  
Personable Bi TV 38 Living in the Red Deer area. Into outdoor activities and weight training. I like music and live theatre as well I'm interested in meeting other TV/TS's people for nice times  
#238 Chantelle  
#239 Barbara  
#240 Ceri  
#241 Ken  
#242 Pauline  
#1000 Beq Photo  
Formerly of B.C. now residing in Edmonton.  
#1001 Chantel  
Attractive 27 year old TS blonde amazon. 38-27-38 seeking generous gentlemen for fun times!  
#1003 Darlene  
Male, 42 HS, ND, artificial leg below the knee seeks very special understanding lady for serious relationship. I am submissive to sexy desires, will wear ladies cloths, p r e f e r m a n y service, B&D, S/M, GS. Lots of love to give call 403-248-6393

#1004 Sissy Bobbie  
Photo  
36 year old TV 5'6"  
120 lbs This sissy submissive novice wishes to receive training in all aspects of feminisation and submissiveness from TV, TS, Females or couples. Descriptive letter and photo receives mine.  
#1005 Mistress Black  
6'4"- Goddess in black leather, 30 yr young, TV. Enjoys Bondage both giving and receiving. Consideration given to sincere honest responses. Your picture gets fast answers.



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As I entered my pre-teen years, my fetish rapidly turned in to a compulsion. By this time, I had long since become bored with mom's "stuff". Still, without resources, not even as much as an allowance, I had resorted to "clothes line theft". The world was a smorgasbord once I had discovered most others wore far more sexy underthings than mother. But like most kids, my success was short lived and was persecuted severely when my "stash" was discovered. Throughout this period, I could never understand why my mother was so upset I was wearing bras and panties all the time. Other than punishing me for stealing, something I could understand, I had always felt she preferred me this way.

Getting caught never deterred my resolve. But I quickly learned odd jobs could be had and money could be made to turn my fantasies in to realities. I can still remember how unnerving my first shopping trip in to fantasy wear was but a hurdle that had to be overcome. Again my wardrobe of underthings would flourish, and time again it would be found and the endless persecution that would follow never seemed to end. By the time I had reached my teens, I had always known when my senior year was in sight, I would be leaving this nest and what was acquired from that time was mine and would remain mine.

It hardly seemed any time had passed from high school to my first marriage. Before we had children, she seemed to readily accept my desire to wear feminine underwear and nighties whenever I had the urge. At this time, I still was not in to much outer wear and was content to remain quite safely in the closet. When our two children arrived, all my feminine fantasies were banished to our bedroom well past their bedtime. Eventually, the persecution would return, this time from my wife, and as a result, after 10 years of mind games, our divorce became imminent. Many other factors were also involved, but my continued desire to dress feminine was a contributing factor.

Before I remarried, I had decided that now that I had found myself back in the dating game, I would "purge" myself once and for all. For the most part, I was content with my life as it was proceeding, but the persistent yearnings always remained and constantly reminded me of my suppressed desires. However, I fought it, well in to the fourth year of my present marriage. I deceived the most open-minded woman I will ever know and love in this life time and hurt her deeply not trusting her enough to handle this hidden side of me. I almost witnessed the breakup of my second marriage - not because I was a transvestite, but because I did not have the nerve to tell her at the beginning of our relationship this special side of me. I thank the powers above we had managed to overcome this hurdle and keep our marriage together. Not only do I now have an understanding and supportive mate, but an active one as well. The lesson learned here is "communication" and lots of it.

To date, this is my great ending. With the help of my wife, friends, and certain professionals, I have almost totally come out of the closet and in to the world the way I choose to live it. They say life begins at 40. If so, it leaves me a year to get the finishing touches together. Then look out. Here I come.

Joline L. Winslow  
Small Beginnings  
Great Endings

As we have all discovered, we all have our stories, and as we examine each respective story, we find not only are we unique, but we reveal distinct similarities, as well.

Like many other of my like-minded sisters, my beginnings go far into my early childhood. My father, being a typical long distance truck driver, was hardly ever around and could make no claim to being a significant driving force in my life other than a dumping ground to administer additional discipline upon one of his rare visits home. That left me and my siblings to the mercy of my mother's values, which I still believe, if practiced today, would be highly questionable in the letter of today's law.

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Chores aside, other oddities occurred in my early childhood. As far back as I can remember, I never went out for Halloween unless I was totally dressed female. The costume had to be complete from the inside out. For some reason, my mother revelled in recreating me as feminine as she could. Although noone could see, it would not do unless I had the right undergarments on, dress and accessories coordinated, perfume and makeup in all the proper places. Not knowing any better at the time, I quickly learned to enjoy this lavishment of attention and look forward to every subsequent Halloween. In my mind, I determined my mother loved me more as a little girl. Nothing else seemed to explain this attention I was receiving that I so longed for that I never seemed to receive any other time.

I seemed to always be at my mother's side doing things for her I felt, even then, my sister should have been doing. Washing her back was a common chore, applying talc to her girdle, and fastening her garters when she dressed never seemed to be anyone's duty but mine. Admittedly, I learned to enjoy seeing my mother's semi-nude body until I felt I needed to have my own wardrobe of panties, bras, garters, and nylons. And like so many others, because I had no money to buy my own, I would steal bits and pieces from my mother and even relatives when they visited.

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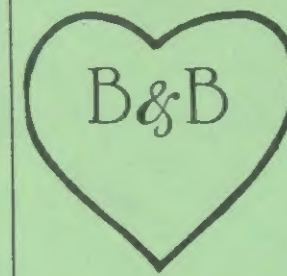
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